

MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL
An Ordinary Meeting of the Village Council,
St John's Church Hall, Monday 10 January 2022, 7.00pm

22/01. To receive and agree apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Ian Harries.

In attendance: Cllr Broughton, Cllr King, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Moore, Cllr Pennell-Buck, Cllr Read, Cllr Lesley Wagland and Cllr Jon Cloke.

22/02. Resignation of Chairman, Andrew Stephenson

The resignation of Andrew Stephenson as Chairman effective Friday 7 January 2022 was accepted.

22/03. Official Record of Thanks to the Past Service to the Outgoing Chairman

An official record of thanks to Andrew Stephenson for his outstanding past service was made and special mention to Judith Stephenson, for both her support and involvement.

22/04. Temporary Election of Chairman

Cllr Pennell-Buck was unanimously voted as Temporary Chairman.

Cllr Pennell-Buck has offered to stand as Assistant Chairman to support Andy Slevin who has offered to stand as Chairman, once his co-option has been formalised. This will form one of the first agenda items at the next meeting.

22/05. Co-option of Andy Slevin

Co-option of Andy Slevin is expected at the next meeting following approval from Brentwood Borough Council.

22/06. Andy Slevin to address the meeting and present his vision of his role as Chairman

22/07. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Village Councillors

There were no declarations of interest.

22/08. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 October 2021

The minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 October 2021 were approved by all.

22/09. Public Question Time

No members of the public attended. It was agreed that communication with the public be improved and future meetings publicised on Facebook to encourage public attendance at future meetings.

22/10. To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Wagland advised the majority of work has been directed as follows:-

1. Levelling up agenda and endeavouring to mitigate against poor statistics
2. Budget which has been substantially affected by Covid.

Cllr Cloke advised the LDP will be approved.

Cllr Cloke stated that the work at Church Road/Thoby Lane is planned for later this year.

Cllr Wagland will report that two speed limit signs, one by the school and one by the bridge in Church Lane, will be reported as not working, following advice from MVC this evening.

- 22/11. Finance**
Financial reports for September and October 2021 were accepted.
- 22/12. 2022/23 Budget**
It was agreed that a 5% increase in our precept be requested from Brentwood Borough Council.
- 22/13. Banking Arrangements**
Cllrs Moore, King and Pennell-Buck agreed to become signatories.
- 22/14. Planning Applications**
Noted.
- 22/15. To receive Risk Assessments on Village Assets and discuss any works needed or ongoing to the following:-**
- a. Childrens' play area, bus shelters and tennis courts**
It was agreed that the tennis courts are no longer the responsibility of MVC and future reporting is not required.
Repairs had been undertaken to the crutch straps on the swings.
Future repairs will need to be undertaken to the bearings on the roundabout and the Wetpour in the childrens' play area.
 - b. Village Car Park, Millenium Gardens and Recycling Area**
Nothing to report.
 - c. Recreation Ground**
Nothing to report.
 - d. Allotments**
Nothing to report.
 - e. Water Meadows**
Following a site visit with Greenscapes by the Parish Clerk and Chairman, additional clearing was carried out and publicising the area and a possible plaque to note the significance of the lime trees to be discussed at future meeting.
 - f. Village Hall**
Nothing to report.
 - g. St. John's Hall**
Nothing to report.
 - h. Mountnessing Primary School**
The school is coping well with the restrictions imposed due to the building work and the Head Teacher pleased with progress.
The before and after school club is now up and running.
- 22/16. Items for Inclusion in next Ordinary Meeting Agenda**
Follow up of tonight's items.
- 22/17. Date of Next Meeting**
Monday 14 February 2022 at 7.00pm at St John's Church Hall, Mountnessing , at 7.00pm.